UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 06-

v. : 18 U.S.C. §§ 666(a)(1)(A) & 2

26 U.S.C. § 7206(1)

ERIC D. HURT : <u>INFORMATION</u>

The defendant ERIC D. HURT having waived in open court prosecution by indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

COUNT 1

Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds

- 1. At all times relevant to this Information:
- A. The Housing Authority of the City of Hoboken (hereinafter the "HHA") was a local government agency that was responsible for, among other things, providing affordable housing to the City of Hoboken.
- B. The HHA received benefits in excess of \$10,000 under Federal programs involving a grant, contract, subsidy, loan, guarantee, insurance and other form of Federal assistance to aid in the provision of public housing to the City of Hoboken, including over \$20 million in grants

from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- C. Defendant ERIC D. HURT was an agent of the HHA, in that he was an accountant for the HHA. In or about March 2003, defendant ERIC D. HURT was promoted from Senior Accountant to Accounting Manager for the HHA.
- 2. From on or about July 3, 2002, to on or about December 29, 2003, defendant ERIC D. HURT issued thirty-four checks from the HHA's General Operating Fund to himself without authoritzation from the HHA.
- 3. Thirty-one of the thirty-four checks referenced in paragraph 2 were deposited into defendant ERIC D. HURT's personal bank accounts. The funds in defendant ERIC D. HURT's personal bank accounts were thereafter used for personal expenditures.

 Three of the checks were negotiated for cash.
- 4. On the check register for the HHA's General Operating Fund, defendant ERIC D. HURT falsely identified the payees on the 34 checks as various vendors that had contracts with the HHA.
- 5. From on or about July 3, 2002, to on or about December 29, 2003, in Hudson County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

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being an agent of the HHA did embezzle, steal, obtain by fraud, and otherwise without authority knowingly convert to his own use

property that was valued at \$5,000 or more -- namely, approximately \$111,083 -- and that was owned by and under the care, custody, and control of the HHA.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A).

COUNTS 2 to 5

Tax Fraud -- Eric D. Hurt's IRS Forms 1040

- 1. Defendant ERIC D. HURT signed and caused to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040 for the reported income amounts set forth below.
- 2. Defendant ERIC D. HURT did not report additional taxable income on these Forms 1040, including (A) income pertaining to the scheme detailed in Count 1 of this Information, totaling approximately \$111,083, and (B) income that he took from "P Co.", a former employer, from on or about December 20, 2000, to on or about March 20, 2001, totaling approximately \$46,123.
- 3. These Form 1040 tax returns contained written declarations that the returns were signed under the penalties of perjury.
- 4. On the dates listed below, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, defendant

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knowingly and willfully did make and subscribe the following U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040, which he did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter:

COUNT NUMBER AND IRS TAX YEAR AND FORM	FILING DATE	REPORTED TAXABLE INCOME	UNREPORTED TAXABLE INCOME	ADDITIONAL TAX DUE
2 (2000 1040)	April 16, 2001	\$ (4,939)	\$ 28,317	\$ 5,887
3 (2001 1040)	April 15, 2002	\$ (2,187)	\$ 17,806	\$ 4,498
4 (2002 1040)	April 15, 2003	\$ 24,555	\$ 27,014	\$ 6,262
5 (2003 1040)	April 15, 2004	\$ 33,661	\$ 84,069	\$ 23,974

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

CHRISTOPHER J. CHRISTIE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY